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Methylotrophic *Pichia pastoris*  
Yeast ICL Gene

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application prior to examination.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please cancel the specification as filed without prejudice and replace it with the attached substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. 1.125(b).

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 6-26 as follows:

6. An isolated DNA fragment comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and/or SEQ ID NO: 2.

7. An isolated DNA fragment according to claim 6, wherein said fragment belongs to a gene isolated from *P. pastoris*.

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